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In re Application of	:
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned	: Anticipated Group Art Unit: 1626
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For: KAPPA AGONIST COMPOUNDS, PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS AND
METHOD OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRURITUS COMPOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the
referenced application be amended as herein below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the continuing application data on page 1, lines 4-6 and replace it with the
following:

--This application is a Continuation of Application Serial No. 09/436,057, filed
November 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,180,623; which is a Division of Application Serial No.
09/307,517, filed May 7, 1999, which is a Division of Application Serial No. 09/045,522, filed
March 21, 1998, now Patent No. 5,981,513; which is a Division of 08/891,833, filed July 14,
1997, now Patent No. 5,763,445; which is Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No.

08/796,078, filed February 5, 1997, now Patent No. 5,688,955; which is Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 08/612,680, filed March 8, 1996, now Patent No 5,646,151.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 19-24 inclusive, without prejudice or disclaimer.

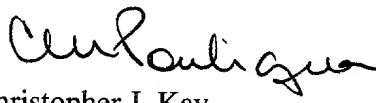
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0436.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,

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